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## House Resolution

No. 62

### Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian

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House Resolution No. 62—Relative to the Navasartian Games.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts,
- 2 referred to as Homenetmen, is a nonprofit organization with 30,000
- 3 members in five continents. Homenetmen was founded in 1918,
- 4 and currently has 18 chapters with over 7,000 members in the
- 5 Western Region of the United States; and
- 6 WHEREAS, It is Homenetmen's mission to prepare exemplary
- 7 and law abiding citizens by providing physical and health
- 8 education, endowing the mind and soul with the finest spirit of
- 9 sportsmanship, and developing and understanding responsibility
- 10 and honor; and

1 WHEREAS, Since the first chapter in the United States was  
2 established in Los Angeles in 1968, Homenetmen has provided  
3 Armenian American youth with moral, physical, and social  
4 education and has exposed the youth to the Armenian culture and  
5 heritage. The Homenetmen experience is one of lasting association,  
6 altruism, and benevolence, and Homenetmen's motto, "Elevate  
7 yourself and others with you," is a constant reminder of the  
8 fundamental objective of this organization; and

9 WHEREAS, Homenetmen in the Western United States has  
10 over 3,200 athletic members who compete in local league  
11 competitions as well as major regional athletic programs. These  
12 programs are organized and implemented with the help of many  
13 selfless parent volunteers who help put programs together for  
14 basketball, volleyball, soccer, track and field, tennis, swimming,  
15 gymnastics, chess, karate, and table tennis; and

16 WHEREAS, The Homenetmen athletic program epitomizes the  
17 spirit of competition, sportsmanship, and teamwork, while it instills  
18 a strong sense of individual identity; and

19 WHEREAS, The Homenetmen scouting program provides the  
20 Armenian American youth with moral, physical, and social  
21 education, exposes scouts to the wealth and treasure of the  
22 Armenian culture and heritage, and strives to prepare outstanding  
23 law abiding Armenian American citizens; and

24 WHEREAS, Among the most prestigious medals that any  
25 Homenetmen scout is able to earn is the St. Mesrob emblem.  
26 Introduced in conjunction with the Western Prelacy of the  
27 Armenian Apostolic Church and the Boy Scouts of America, this  
28 emblem honors the fifth century inventor of the Armenian alphabet,  
29 Mesrop Mashtots; and

30 WHEREAS, The annual Navasartian Games, Homenetmen's  
31 largest athletic event, comprise numerous sports, including  
32 basketball, volleyball, soccer, ping pong, track and field,  
33 swimming, chess, and softball; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
35 Assembly recognizes the significance of youth sports and the  
36 Navasartian Games' impact on Armenian American youth living  
37 in California and throughout the United States; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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